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Docket No. ARC000009US1-IBM  
(PATENT)

Transmitted herewith for filing in the Application of Nimrod Megiddo Serial No.: 09/533,325

Title: **SYSTEM, METHOD AND PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR AUTOMATICALLY MANAGING CONTRACTS**

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Change of Correspondence  
Request for Reconsideration of Final Rejection  
Amendment after Final Rejection  
✓ Response/Amendment  
Response to Restriction Requirement  
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Assignment of the Invention (\$40.00)  
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OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid for	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
SUBTOTAL FROM ABOVE					\$ 0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	22	20	2	× 18 =	36.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	3	0	× 84 =	
MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM PRESENTED				+280 =	
TOTAL					\$ 36.00

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : October 31, 2002  
Nimrod Megiddo : Group Art Unit: 3629  
Serial No.: 09/533,325 : Examiner: Naresh Vig  
Filed: March 22, 2000 : San Jose, California  
Conf. No.: 7964

Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR  
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

On July 31, 2002, the Examiner mailed an Office Action (paper 8) for the above-identified application. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application, and all claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Minder (USPN 6144943) in view of Gundewar (USPN 6381610) and further in view of Leymann (USPN 6122633). Reconsideration of the rejections in light of the remarks and amendments below is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 21-22 and amend claims 1, 5, 12, and 16 so that pending claims 1-22 read as follows (a marked-up version of amended claims is attached on separate sheets):

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